Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXL VIII, Annexure No. 37].

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Government considers these to be valuable proposals which merit careful study.

Tie up of Pak Navy with USA and China

764. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the proposed tie up of Pak Navy with USA and China;

(b) whether such a tie up has added danger to the maritime boundary of India; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action Government propose to take to avert threat to India's security?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Government are aware that Pakistan has been acquiring naval equipment from a number of countries, including the USA and China.

(b) and (c) Pakistan's acquisition of such weapons is naturally detrimental to India's security.

Government keep under constant review all development having a bearing on the country's security and take appropriate counter-measures.

Peace and Friendship Treaty between India and Sri Lanka

765. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals were made recently by Sri Lanka to substitute or to enlarge the Indio-Sri Lanka Accord by an Agreement on peace and friendship between the two countries on the lines of Indo-Soviet Friendship Treaty;

(b) whether the Sri Lanka Government have made any specific proposal regarding the issues to be included in such a treaty; if so, whether Government have considered the same; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto, in the context of India's experiences in implementation of the Indo-Sri Lanka accord of July, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

South-South Commission

766. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the results of the meeting of the South-South Commission held in 1988 regarding achieving greater equity among the world nations; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to build such a cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The South-South Commission held its first meeting in October 1987 in Geneva in which it finalised its terms of reference and work programme. In the two other meetings held in 1988, the Commission considered and issued statements on 'external debt' and the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Nagotiations'. It